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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, MARCH 30, 1999

APPLICATION OF

GTE SOUTH, INCORPORATED

CASE NO. PUC990035

To implement extended local
service from its Oakwood exchange
to Bell Atlantic-Virginia Inc.'s
Davenport exchange

ORDER PRESCRIBING NOTICE

On March 2, 1999, GTE South Incorporated ("GTE" or "the Company") filed an application with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") pursuant to the provisions of § 56-484.2 of the Code of Virginia. GTE proposed to notify its Oakwood exchange subscribers of the increases in monthly rates that would be necessary to extend their local service to include the Davenport exchange of Bell Atlantic-Virginia, Inc. ("BA-VA"). The application states that the telephone subscribers in BA-VA's Davenport exchange had earlier petitioned the Commission for local calling to Oakwood. Using a cost study prepared by BA-VA, the Commission determined the increase in monthly rates that would result from the expansion of the Davenport local service area to include Oakwood. Subscribers in the Davenport exchange were polled regarding their willingness to pay higher

rates for local calling to Oakwood. The majority of those responding supported the proposal.

Cost studies have been conducted to determine the monthly rates for expanded local service from Oakwood to the Davenport exchange. Because the resulting increase does not exceed 5% of the existing monthly one-party residential flat rate for Oakwood, a poll of Oakwood subscribers is not required by § 56-484.2 of the Code of Virginia.

Now, having considered GTE's application, GTE's proposed public notice, and applicable law, the Commission is of the opinion that this matter should be docketed; that GTE should give notice of this application to its customers in the Oakwood exchange; and those subscribers should be permitted to file comments and requests for hearing on this application. Accordingly,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- (1) This matter is docketed and assigned Case No. PUC990035.
- (2) On or before June 14, 1999, GTE customers who may be affected by this proposal may file with the Clerk of the Commission written comments or requests for hearing about this application. Any corporation shall be represented by Counsel in accordance with Rule 4:8 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure and shall file an original and fifteen (15) copies of any comment or request for hearing on or before that

deadline. Individuals may file single copies. All comments or requests for hearing shall be filed with Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218; and shall refer to Case No. PUC990035.

(3) A copy of this Order and the application shall be made available for public inspection at the Commission's Document Control Center located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, from 8:15 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Upon customer request, a copy of GTE's application also shall be furnished by GTE's local manager for the Oakwood service area.

(4) On or before May 14, 1999, GTE shall publish the following notice in the Oakwood exchange twice as display advertising (not classified advertising) in newspapers of general circulation in that exchange.

NOTICE THAT GTE SOUTH INCORPORATED
PROPOSES TO EXPAND THE LOCAL SERVICE AREA OF
THE OAKWOOD EXCHANGE TO INCLUDE THE
DAVENPORT EXCHANGE OF
BELL ATLANTIC-VIRGINIA, INC.
CASE NO. PUC990035

Telephone customers in Bell Atlantic-Virginia's ("BA-VA") Davenport exchange petitioned the Virginia State Corporation Commission ("Commission") for local calling to the Oakwood exchange of GTE South Incorporated ("GTE"). Customers in the Davenport exchange were polled regarding their willingness to pay an increase in

monthly rates for local calling to the Oakwood exchange. The majority of those customers responding in the Davenport exchange support this expansion of local service.

Based on GTE's costs, the Commission determined the monthly rates for expanded local service for Oakwood customers (telephone numbers beginning with 498) to call the Davenport exchange (telephone numbers beginning with 859). For expanded local calling to Davenport from Oakwood, monthly rates would increase as follows: flat rate residential service, \$.28; residential Virginia Universal Service Plan service, \$.28; residential measured exchange only service, \$.20; residential measured economy service, \$.17; flat rate business service, \$.64; business key line service, \$.64; business flat rate trunk service, \$1.45; and business measured service: single line service, \$.42; key line service, \$.42; trunk service, \$.42; and customer owned coin, \$.64. Customers whose rates are not listed above or who desire more information on this proposed change should contact Chris Stiltner, GTE's local manager for the Oakwood service area, at (540) 935-7965.

Copies of GTE's application may be obtained by contacting GTE's local manager at the telephone number listed above or may be reviewed at the Commission's Document Control Center located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

Customers wishing to comment on the proposed change to their local calling area or to request a hearing on the application may do so by filing such requests or comments in writing, referring to Case No. PUC990035, with the Clerk of the Commission, Joel H. Peck, c/o Document

Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond,
Virginia 23218, on or before June 14, 1999.

If the Commission receives objections or requests for hearing from the lesser of 5% or 150 of the Oakwood customers, it may consider GTE's application without a hearing.

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(5) On or before June 14, 1999, GTE shall provide proof of the notice required above.

(6) If the Commission receives objections or requests for hearing from the lesser of 5% or 150 of the Oakwood exchange customers, it may consider GTE's application without a hearing.

(7) On or before June 30, 1999, the Division of Communications shall file a report with the Commission on the number of objections to the proposal.